

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the establishment of the connection in the preamble of the claim. This amendment does not affect the distinctions argued for claim 1 in the prior request for reconsideration. Entry therefore is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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